

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): The same officer who came and made the survey, Dr. Santra, said on a previous occasion that an older officer should be appointed. But now he has said that a younger man should be appointed. It is a question of individual personality who takes an interest in the work that counts much. Naturally as this work is not very attractive the person, younger or older, when he has done the work for a few years gets a little slack.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnankulam*): May I know what has the Government done in regard to recommendation No. 3.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): At present a senior Assistant Surgeon is going round the villages and with the co-operation of the Public Health Department and also with the help of the Revenue authorities, he is trying to form these village isolation wards.

PAINT FOR MARKING TREES—UNUSED STOCK—DISPOSAL OF.

89. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following particulars with regard to the purchase, use, disposal, etc., of paint (for marking trees) made by the Excise Department for the following periods:—

- (i) 1st half of 1112, (ii) 2nd half of 1112; (iii) 1st half of 1113, (iv) 2nd half of 1113, separately;
- (a) the quantity, rate, and price of paint purchased by the Department;
- (b) the quantity of paint made use of for marking trees, etc;
- (c) the balance of stock left unused in each circle;
- (d) the rate at which the balance was disposed of in each circle?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): Vide statement appended (*Vide Appendix IV*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): How was this paint disposed of—by auction or by sale?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): By auction.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കു മാർക്ക് ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്നു ഓരോ തെങ്ങിനും ഗവണ്മെന്റിലേക്കു് ചെയ്തുകാർ എന്തുവിതം കൊടുക്കണം? മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. രാമൻ: ചെയ്തുകാർ ഒന്നും കൊടുക്കണം, അതെല്ലാം സർക്കാരിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഒരു തെങ്ങിനാ൬ രൂപയ്ക്കു വെട്ടു കാരിൽനിന്നു പിരിക്കുന്നതു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. രാമൻ : അങ്ങിനെ പിരിക്കുന്നതായി ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്നറിവില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ആർ. വിശ്വംഭരൻ : അങ്ങിനെ പിരിച്ചുവരുന്നതായി വല്ല പരാതി ഹർജികളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. രാമൻ : കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിവില്ല.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Why is it that the balance of the second half of 1113 not disposed of as yet?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): That has been ordered to be disposed of. Very probably by this time it would have been already auctioned.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government noticed that the price fetched by the sale of the balance of paint is very low?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): It is because the paint once opened and used gets dried up and that would not fetch the original price.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Can the Government account for the disparity in the price of the paint sold in the different circles?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): This is sold in public auction. So naturally it will be so. But I think there is no such abnormal disparity.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Who conducts the sale—the Excise Commissioner or the Circle Inspector.

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*): I believe it is by the Circle Inspector.

TREE-TAX ON COCOANUT TREES.

90. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of coconut trees for which tree-tax for purposes of extracting toddy was remitted in Irinjalakkuda Range during

(1) first half of 1113;

APPENDIX IV.

(Please see answer to question No. 89.)

Statement.

Half year	Particulars of paint purchased		Price Rs.	Paint used for marking trees, etc. lbs.	Balance of paint left unused in the		(a) Value realised for the balance of paint disposed of in the		(a) There is no rate as asked for in question (d). The stock as a whole is generally disposed of to the highest bidder.
	Quantity lbs.	Rate per lb.			Southern Circle lbs.	Northern Circle lbs.	Southern Circle	Northern Circle	
1st half of 1112	400	0-3-8	91-10-8	303	64	33	2-0-0	0-10-3	..
2nd do	300	0-5-3	98-7-0	237	6	57	0-6-0	0-9-6	..
1st half of 1113	408	0-4-3	108-6-0	348	50	10	5-11-6	0-6-0	..
2nd do	310	0-3-9	72-10-6	266	7 (b)	37 (b)	..	...	(b) Not yet sold by the Inspectors.